

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Schwarz, et al.  
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For: *METHODS OF FACILITATING VASCULAR GROWTH*

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

**In the specification:**

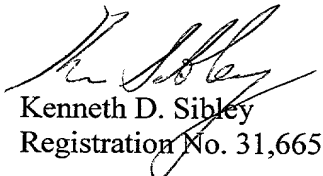
Please amend the specification as follows:

On page 1 following the title "Related Applications", please delete the current paragraph and substitute the following entire paragraph:

-- This application is a continuation of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/439,616, filed November 12, 1999, which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/108,435 filed November 13, 1998, the disclosures of which are hereby incorporated herein in their entirety by reference. --

It is submitted that this application is in condition for substantive examination and allowance, which action is respectfully submitted.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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